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Marginal Column

By SEVY LAQUEUR

THERE is a new fashion of passing resolutions denouncing or blaming Israel whenever a few people meet: the fascination and novelty of it will not last forever and this fashion will pass as others have before. It should not be taken too seriously and not cause too much irritation in this country. The most recent condemnation of Israel comes from a conference in New Delhi which, for reasons unknown, has been called in the local Press "the unofficial Asian peace conference." Whether it is a peace conference is a debatable issue, but surely there is nothing unofficial about it. The resolution to convene the New Delhi meeting was taken at the Stockholm conference of the "Partisans of Peace" last year. The well-known Asian writer Ilya Ehrenburg took a leading part in the preparation of the New Delhi meeting and the other initiators were about as unofficial.

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WE shall be able somehow to overcome the grief caused by the New Delhi resolution condemning the "aggressive policy of the ruling circles of Israel." But for the parties supporting the "Partisans of Peace" in Israel it will no doubt be a heavy blow and we do not envy the representatives of Ahdut Avoda, Mapam and the Communists who had to pass (unanimously, of course) a resolution which was both scandalous and contrary to the interest of peace. (A case could perhaps have been made of giving *equal* blame to the "ruling circles" in both Israel and the Arab countries. This would have been unfair, but a unilateral condemnation of Israel shows pretty clearly in which direction the wind was blowing in New Delhi.) Mapam and Ahdut Avoda had stressed in recent weeks the great value and importance of the Delhi meeting for Israel and Middle Eastern peace in general. Turning its back on "Western imperialism" Israel would find both justice and friendship in an "Asian orientation," it was said, and Mapai was blamed for not sending their delegates too. Some faces will redden now; some editorialists will have to perform tight-rope acts and there will be indistinct murmurs about a "regrettable lack of information" and so on.

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REFERRING to the participants in the Delhi meeting an Indian weekly quoted an old and apparently very true Hindustani saying to the effect that "one can wake up those asleep but not those who pretend to be asleep." It will be interesting to know whether Mapam and Ahdut Avoda have been asleep or only pretended to. But to do the Israel Communists justice, there is no reason to assume that they will relish greatly the New Delhi resolutions either. Only a few days ago they had to report that the Communist parties in the neighbouring countries had come out without reservation for the aggressive military pact between Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia. This blatant demonstration of peaceful intentions and proletarian internationalism combined with the New Delhi resolutions do not look so good on the eve of an election campaign.

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THE Bandung conference next week will, of course, be of greater importance, though far too high expectations as to its practical results have been voiced. Israel, of course, has not been invited. With some delay we have learned that a real horse deal was involved: Pakistan agreed to inviting Peking on condition that Israel was not invited. There is some reason to assume that in Bandung, too, a resolution against Israel will be adopted and the reason is not difficult to divine: the Bandung conference will try to reach agreement on as many points as possible to put up a brave front of Asian solidarity. Obviously it will be impossible to reach agreement on the main points, such as for instance close collaboration between the Communist and non-Communist countries of Asia. Which means that the main stress will be put just on the minor issues, including, for instance, the "Palestine issue," as the Jordan Foreign Minister has demanded.

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NOW it is quite true that of the 30-or 40-odd countries represented in Bandung not more than six or eight really favour an anti-Israel resolution; the rest, including India and Communist China, do not really care one way or the other. But nobody will sharply oppose an anti-Israel resolution, if the Arab representatives insist on it. Chances are, therefore, that it will pass. It will be best to ignore such and similar resolutions: there were no sound reasons for putting great hopes on most of the Asian countries but there certainly is no room for despairing in them either.

Jerusalem, April 12.

Raab, Aides in Russia For Peace Treaty Talks

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuter). — The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Julius Raab, flew here today for talks on a state treaty which would give Austria her freedom. He was accompanied by Vice-Chancellor Adolf Schaerf, Foreign Minister Leopold Figl and Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Bruno Kreisky. Also in the party were seven advisers.

The party flew into Moscow from Vienna by a special Soviet aircraft.

Dr. Raab was invited to Moscow by Foreign Minister Molotov on March 24 to discuss "questions relating to the conclusion of the state treaty."

Those who met the Austrian group included Mr. Molotov, Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, Assistant Deputy Premier, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Deputy Foreign Minister, and Western and other diplomats.

A Soviet Army band played the Soviet and Austrian national anthems and flags of both nations decorated the airport.

The welcoming party stood in a snow shower for about 10 minutes before the plane landed. While they waited for Dr. Raab, Mr. Molotov and Mr. Mikoyan joked with Western Ambassadors about the weather. When the Austrian Ambassador, Mr. Norbert Bischoff, took his hat off to greet him, Mr. Mikoyan said, "Put your hat on. This is no weather for taking it off."

Ambassador Bischoff stated it was unlikely that there would be any meetings with the Russians tonight.

To Strengthen Peace

Speaking into the microphone Dr. Raab said, "On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I would like to express my pleasure in being invited to Moscow. It is ten years since the great Soviet Army liberated Austria from Hitler's Germany. Now we have come to Moscow with the purpose of contributing towards strengthening peace."

Surrounded by diplomats and Russian officials, Mr. Molotov then spoke a few words of private greetings direct to Dr. Raab.

Before leaving Vienna, Dr. Raab stated that the Austrian delegation expects to find "understanding for our efforts for independence and freedom." Pointing out that Austrian delegations have covered thousands of kilometres travelling to conferences and negotiations for a state treaty, he said that the Austrian people are now asking how much more ground must be covered before reaching the final destination.

The aim of the delegation will have been achieved if the Moscow negotiations lead to a Big Four conference with the participation of Austria, Dr. Raab declared.

Heavy New 'Quakes Rock S. Philippines

MANILA, Monday (Reuter). — Mindanao Island, in the southern Philippines was shaken anew by a series of severe earthquakes this morning, and seismologists fear that the damage may be heavier than from the serious tremors of April 2, which claimed more than 400 lives.

President Ramon Magsaysay, who has been in Mindanao three times following the destructive earthquakes earlier this month, is now preparing another trip to survey the area hit by the new quakes.

Dansalan city in Lanao Province, Mindanao, which had about 300 deaths in the previous 'quakes, reported panic among residents. Officials fear that today's quakes might also have caused widespread destruction and deaths. Up to this morning no casualty figure has been reported.

In Dansalan jail, damaged by the 'quake, prisoners staged a break-out attempt at the height of today's tremors. But jailers restored order after firing into the air over a mob of prisoners. None escaped.

Europe Has Cold, Cheerless Easter

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — A cold and cheerless Easter neared its end in Europe today with little change in the weather.

The Easter Monday sky was unfriendly in Germany, Austria, Norway and Denmark, but a pale sun broke through in France and Holland after three days of rain. Easter holiday-makers in Italy and Belgium enjoyed brilliant weather.

Seven centimetres of snow lay in the streets of Oslo early today, while there were temperatures just above freezing in Denmark. By contrast, a heat-wave in New York was blamed today for a fire which destroyed 1,000 railway sleepers worth $90,000. Firemen said that the sun was strong enough to ignite the creosote-coated wood.

24 Killed in Yemen Revolt; 7 Hanged

Twenty-four persons were killed in the abortive Yemenite revolt, and the Imam Ahmed hanged seven others who took part in the coup on April 2, which dethroned him for three days.

Col. Hussein al Shaffei, Minister of Social Welfare who headed the official Egyptian mission to the Yemen to investigate the revolt, said that the Imam has announced he would not spare punishment even to his relatives who plotted against him.

Shaffei stated that no member of the royal family who rose against Ahmed had yet been executed, but several had been imprisoned. They include Seif el Islam Abdullah, who took over from his brother Ahmed, another brother, Seif el Islam Abbas, and a nephew, Seif el Islam Yahia ibn Hussein.

Col. Shaffei said that when Imam Ahmed was besieged, he won over many of the rebel troops to his side by distributing money among them and promising them a pardon. This, coupled with Badr's rescue, effectively broke the revolt.

Meanwhile, Ahmed has proclaimed his son, 29-year-old Badr, as his heir, thus putting an end to the ambitions of his own brothers. Badr organized the rescue of his father.

(Cairo Radio, UP, Reuter)

Pro-Cypriot Propaganda Campaign in US

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — A propaganda campaign against British rule in Cyprus has been started by an organization called the Committee on the Cyprus Question, with headquarters in New York.

A letter circulated by the Committee today said that together with about a million Americans of Hellenic descent it was "fervently concerned with the right of the people of Cyprus to self-determination."

Accompanying the letter was a copy of what was described as the first of a series of essays on the subject written by Gene Rossides, a former college football star at Columbia University here, who is himself an American of Greek Cypriot descent. It was stated that the essay was being sent to President Eisenhower, Congressmen, State Department officials, foreign embassies in Washington and each of the United Nations delegations.

Dr. Vavoyianis, a medical practitioner of Greek Cypriot descent, is Chairman of the Committee.

Chinese Advance Party to Bandung Killed in Crash

SINGAPORE, Monday (Reuter). —Eleven Communist officials and pressmen bound for the Afro-Asian conference in Bandung are feared to have perished in an Air India Constellation which crashed in the sea north of Sarawak tonight.

Besides a crew of seven, the plane was carrying eight minor Chinese officials, a Polish journalist, Mr. Eremi Staree, Dr. Friedrich Jensen, correspondent of the Austrian Communist newspaper "Volkstimme" who recently arrived in Hong Kong after a visit to China, and a North Vietnamese named Cyong Phuh Phung.

The aircraft was bound for Jakarta from Hong Kong. It sent out three SOS signals giving its position as 170 kms. north of Kuching, Sarawak, according to radio reports heard here.

No Survivors

Mr. L.C. Jain, Indian Director-General of civil aviation, said that the possibility of any survivors was "remote."

A Royal Air Force Sunderland flying boat took off from Singapore and was tonight making a radar search for survivors near the Great Natoena Islands, 400 kms. north-east of here. All ships in the area were told by radio to keep a lookout.

The accident occurred soon after the Constellation sent its distress signal. The cause of the crash is unknown, Air India said.

Jakarta Radio said that Air Control had asked the Constellation whether Mr. Chou En-Lai, the Chinese Premier, was on board and was assured he was not. Mr. Chou is expected to lead his country's delegation to the conference, which opens next Monday. The Constellation was carrying the advance guard of Chinese officials.

Jamali to Report On Refugees at Bandung

WASHINGTON, Monday (INA). —Fadhel el Jamali, former Iraqi Premier who is leading his country's delegation to the Bandung conference, told reporters when he stopped in Singapore today, that Iraq will bring up the issue of the Arab refugees and will "show how the Arabs of Palestine were driven from their homes by the invaders," A.P. reported.

The dispatch said that Jamali added, "We don't believe we can live in neutrality ... we stand for racial equality against racial discrimination."

USSR FOLLOWING PEACE POLICY — HATOYAMA

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter). — Premier Ichiro Hatoyama said today the Soviet Union is "apparently following a course for peace in Europe and Asia." He was answering questions in the Upper House Foreign Affairs Committee.

AMMAR IN PARIS

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — The Tunisian Prime Minister, Tahar Ben Ammar, flew here from Tunis today to resume negotiations with the French Government on home rule for the North African protectorate.

Stevenson Raps US 'Bluff' Over Dispensable Offshore Islands

CHICAGO, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Adlai Stevenson said tonight the Republican Administration "policy of extravagant words" in the Far Eastern situation "has alarmed our friends a good deal more than it has deterred the aggressors."

Mr. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for President in 1952, was speaking in a nation-wide radio broadcast.

"Our allies assumed that the great U.S. meant what it said, and it seems to me that when you compare what we have said with what we have done during the past two years it is little wonder that Secretary of State Dulles is fearful lest the Chinese Communists really do think that the U.S. is a paper tiger," he said.

Mr. Stevenson said he was not criticizing the Administration "for abandoning these extravagant positions," adding: "I am criticizing it for taking such positions, for making threats which it is not prepared to back up, for bluffing and undermining faith in the United States."

The titular head of the Democratic Party explained that his reason for broadcasting his views on the Far East situation was "hundreds and hundreds" of requests which he had received for a public pronouncement.

He said the Soviet Union should be invited to "declare its position" over Quemoy and Matsu, the Nationalist-held islands off the coast of China.

The U.S. should enlist other nations in "an open declaration condemning the use of force in the Formosa Strait," he declared.

Mr. Stevenson said "neither we nor Chiang Kai-shek should any longer need to rely upon a militarily precarious position in these little off-shore islands to resist the aggressive ambitions of the Chinese Communists toward Formosa."

"The division of the American coalition with other nations over these offshore islands, the weakening of our grand alliance of free nations pledged to stand together to defend themselves is, in my judgment, a greater peril to enduring peace than the islands themselves," he warned. "Should we be plunged into another great war, the maintenance of our alliances and the respect and good will of the uncommitted nations of Asia will be far more important to us than the possession of these offshore islands could ever be."

FORMOSA ISSUE NEGOTIABLE — FAURE

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, stated in an interview published here today that the question of off-shore islands, such as Quemoy and Matsu, can be settled only by negotiation after tension has cooled off.

He said he thought that the matter is likely to come up amid Far Eastern problems, either officially or informally, when there is a four-power conference with Russia at the highest level.

He saw no threat — at the moment — of Chinese aggression directed at Indo-China.

In regard to the off-shore islands, M. Faure considered that questions of "face" or prestige are involved and are difficult to resolve and added that this is a reason why they must be treated with dexterity and caution.

He said it is not realistic that China should be represented in the U.N. by the Formosan Government, but a separate move by France on this matter would not be realistic either.

"What is necessary now is to re-establish Western solidarity on this question ... We intend to work for the recognition of China by all the Western powers together. It would be best if the recognition ... resulted from a concerted decision of the Western powers as part of the general detente between East and West which France and her allies hope to promote in the world."

Italians to Elect President May 8

ROME, Monday (UP). — Both Houses of Parliament were notified formally today to meet on April 28 to elect a new President of the Republic.

The election is necessary because President Luigi Einaudi's seven-year term expires on May 8.

Mr. Einaudi, 81, is Italy's first post-war President. If it were not for his advanced age he would be certain of re-election. As it is he is considered a leading candidate.

Pakistani Premier Says Israel 'Cruel'

KARACHI, Monday (Reuter). — Premier Mohammed Ali said here yesterday that Pakistan and Egypt had common international objectives of peace. He was proposing the health of Premier Abdul Nasser of Egypt at a dinner in his honour, attended by about 150 persons, including Cabinet Ministers, heads of the diplomatic corps, and military officers.

Mr. Ali turned to Abdul Nasser and said: "We share with you your concern for the improvement of Arab countries and your grief at wanton acts of cruelty committed by the Israelis. I assure you of our unflinching resolution to secure for Arab countries fulfilment of their aspirations."

The Premier then referred to Abdul Nasser's proposal to hold an annual conference of Moslem nations during the Haj pilgrimage. He said this would promote "solidarity and cooperation" among the people of Islam.

Stresses Common Aims

Replying, the Egyptian Premier said that Egypt and Pakistan were linked by the bonds of religion and culture and had the same hopes and aims.

Mr. Ali told reporters "We talked without mental reservations and understand each other's point of view." Officials did not disclose the subject of their discussions, but diplomatic observers here assumed that one question considered was Middle East defence.

The two Premiers held a second private meeting this evening, which lasted for more than an hour. A spokesman stated that they had considered the forthcoming Afro-Asian conference and Pakistan's stand on a Middle East defence alliance. He said that another meeting might be held before Nasser leaves for New Delhi by air tomorrow morning.

New Delhi Prepares

A New Delhi report said today that a public welcome will be prepared for Abdul Nasser, who will arrive tomorrow by air. Premier Nehru and the entire Cabinet will be at the airport to receive him.

The two Premiers are expected to discuss the forthcoming Bandung conference, the situation in the Middle East with emphasis on the Arab question, and strengthened Egyptian-Indian ties. An informed source said "something spectacular" was expected out of the talks.

(Reuter, UP)

Naccache Briefs Syrians On Ankara Talks

Foreign Minister Alfred Naccache of the Lebanon arrived in Damascus yesterday to report on the talks held in Ankara between President Chamoun and Turkish Government officials on regional pacts in the Middle East.

The Arab News Agency reported that President Chamoun is expected to arrive in Beirut today from Turkey.

Beirut Foreign Ministry sources said that the visit was aimed at reducing tension following the Turco-Lebanese communique issued recently, which was considered "unfriendly to Syria." Naccache is also communicating to the Syrians an important message from the Turks "pledging that they will not undertake any action against Syria and that they will do all they can to prevent any change in the Middle East *status quo*. Naccache was said to have told the Syrian Foreign Minister, Khaled el Azem, that signature of the Cairo pact would worsen Arab relations and prevent a solution of the present tension.

Israel Pressing for Early Security Council Session

MAC Condemns Egypt For Mining Incident

TEL AVIV, Monday.—The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, meeting at Kilo 95 on the Gaza Road today, adopted an Israel resolution condemning Egypt for placing a mine in Israel territory. An Israel soldier was wounded when the command car in which he was travelling was blown up on April 1.

The MAC later adopted an Egyptian resolution complaining that Israel soldiers had opened fire on an Egyptian position wounding a boy of 12 who was sitting in front of his house.

Supporting nearly all paragraphs of the Israel resolution, the Chairman abstained only on the paragraph which stated that "an Egyptian military position situated in Egyptian-controlled territory opened fire on the Israel patrol with automatic weapons immediately after the explosion."

In explaining his vote, the Chairman stated that "although convinced of the facts, I should like to be sure that this firing took place in the vicinity of the spot where an Israel command car was blown up by a mine on the same day and about the same time."

The Chairman also said that he did not approve of "repetition and use of certain exaggerated words" in the resolution.

Sudan Parties Said Merging For Full Independence

CAIRO, Monday (UP). — The weekly publication, "Rosa el Youssef," reported today that the Sudanese opposition Umma Party is seeking to merge with the National Union Party (NUP).

The NUP is presently in power, and the object of the merger would be to facilitate complete Sudanese independence.

According to the report, Umma, which opposes union with Egypt, proposed to the NUP that top government posts be split between the two parties in effecting the suggested merger.

The usually well-informed weekly said that under the proposal, Seddik el Mahdi, head of Umma, would become President of the Sudanese Republic, while NUP leader, Ismail el Azhari, would retain his current post of Premier.

Meanwhile a report from Khartoum said that Premier el Azhari, accompanied by three Ministers, had left today on a three-day official visit to Ethiopia. The group will then proceed to the Afro-Asian conference in Bandung.

Verdict on Salk Vaccine To Be Pronounced Today

ANN ARBOR, Michigan, Monday (Reuter). — Verdict will be pronounced here tomorrow on the efficacy of Dr. Jonas Salks' anti-poliomyelitis vaccine tested on two million American children last spring.

Dr. Salk of Pittsburgh University, 40-year-old father of three sons, is said to be not entirely satisfied with his vaccine, wanting still to work out some of the finer points of its usage, but other medical opinion is that the evaluation of the vaccine confirmed its usefulness.

A "summary of the evaluation" is due to be carried by radio and television to the whole country tomorrow.

At the University of Michigan, Dr. Thomas Francis, who made the evaluation, will read a prepared text on the degree of effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the vaccine. He will be followed by Dr. Salk himself and other prominent medical experts.

MACMILLAN TO SETTLE ANGLO-U.S. DIFFERENCES

LONDON, Monday (UP). — Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan said today he will make it his business to "find the answer" to any Anglo-American differences.

"The fundamental interests and ideals of our two countries are the same," he said in a letter to Secretary of State Dulles. If there should be any squabbles, he added, "it will be our business to find the answer."

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Eban, UN Chief Review Clashes

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (INA). — Israel today pressed the Security Council for another urgent meeting on her complaint against the Egyptian armistice violations along the Gaza Strip border.

Taking full advantage of yesterday's decision of the Egyptian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission which condemned Egypt for the Nahal Oz aggression of one week ago, Mr. Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation, and his deputy, Mr. Mordechai R. Kirdon, came to U.N. Headquarters this morning to follow through vigorously on Israel's request that censure against Egypt be voted by the Council.

Mr. Eban and Mr. Kidron conferred for 40 minutes with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold. They refused to discuss details of the conversation, but they admitted that the entire Egyptian-Israel border situation was "reviewed." The Israel Ambassador was understood to have pointed out to Mr. Hammarskjold that the M.A.C. decision fully substantiates Israel's contentions of Egyptian aggression.

He was reported to have indicated to the Secretary-General that the phrase "technical violation" was used for the first time in the report in connection with Israel's guilt for firing on the Egyptians in order to extricate wounded who were pinned down by Egyptian fire.

Mr Eban and Mr. Kidron went from Mr. Hammarskjold's office to that of Mr. Arkady Sobolev, Russian President of the Council for April, to whom they presented a letter asking that he convene a Council meeting "urgently."

The Israel delegates requested both Mr. Hammarskjold and Mr. Sobolev that Council members be provided with copies of all M.A.C. resolutions resulting from the various sessions held since March 26, in order to confirm the truth of Israel's charges. At the last Council session the Egyptian delegate, Omar Loutfi, had implied that there was no evidence of Egyptian aggression from the M.A.C.

Tension Mounting

Mr. Eban's letter to Mr. Sobolev said, "The tension created by Egyptian assaults is mounting and the armistice is gravely threatened. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the consideration by the Security Council of the Israel complaint inscribed on the agenda of April 6 be resumed with the utmost urgency."

The letter said the M.A.C. had substantively upheld the Israel complaint on the Egyptian attack near Nahal Oz on April 1. He stated the Commission had found it to be an "unprovoked attack by Egyptian military positions against an Israel routine security patrol."

The Council met last Wednesday but adjourned the debate until it has received a report from the Mixed Armistice Commission. U.N. officials said today that no official report had yet been received from the Chief of the Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, Gen. E.L.M. Burns, regarding the recent incidents. Therefore, it was difficult to say when the Council might resume its debate. The date for resumption will be set by Mr. Sobolev.

Mr. Eban said that Egypt had been condemned for two further violations of the Armistice Agreement and added, "A further Egyptian violation has now occurred with very grave results at Khirbet Maayan in the Nirim area." He listed four other incidents from April 6 to April 9.

Ben-Gurion 'School' Is Israel Policy

"The Ben-Gurion school of thought remains the school of thought of the State of Israel," the Foreign Ministry spokesman declared yesterday. He was replying to allegations made before American pressmen by the Egyptian Premier, Abdul Nasser, on the eve of his departure for the Bandung conference that there were two schools of thought in Israel, one in favour of peaceful coexistence and one led by Mr. Ben-Gurion which sought to solve the Arab-Israel problem by force.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman referred to Mr. Ben-Gurion's declaration in the Knesset on August 18, 1952, in which he had stated: "Israel wishes to see a free, independent and progressive Egypt... There is no justification for border disputes, nor reason for political antagonism ..."

If schools of thought were to be discussed at all, reference might rather be made to that of the Egyptian Government, which advocated provocation and violation of Israel's security and territorial integrity by armed aggression and economic blockade, the spokesman added.

The first duty of the Government was to protect its citizens from violence. The basis for peaceful coexistence depends on Egypt restoring quiet on the borders. New channels of cooperation can start from there, the spokesman concluded.

No Separate Report On Nahal Oz Prepared

General Burns will not send a separate report to the Security Council on the Nahal Oz incident, but will wait until the present series of Israel-Egyptian M.A.C. meetings is completed, and will send an overall report, the U.N. spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Investigations are expected to be completed within a day or two, he added.

The spokesman added that a number of Observers had been detached from other M.A.C.'s and sent to the Gaza area to aid in the investigations, but they would return to their posts as soon as the job was completed.

Bomb Scare in N. Y. Egyptian Consulate

NEW YORK, Monday (UP). — Police searched the five-storey Egyptian Consulate-General here today for one hour after two anonymous telephone warnings that a bomb was going to blow up the building. But no trace of a bomb was found.

Consul-General Aziz el Sherif told the police that at noon a male voice over the telephone told him to evacuate the building because a bomb would explode. Fifteen minutes later, another telephone warning was received. El Sherif said that he regarded the calls as the work of a crank and did not order the building evacuated.

NEW DELHI PROTESTS 'REPRESSION' IN GOA

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). —The Government, in a note to Portugal today, expressed "grave concern at the mounting repression adopted by the Portuguese authorities in Goa."

The note which was handed to the Portuguese Minister, Dr. V. Grain, is understood to have alleged "mass arrests, detention without trial and ill-treatment of non-violent *satyagrahis*" in Goa. These incidents were likely to have reprecussions in India, the note said.

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The Jerusalem Post will not be published tomorrow, the seventh day of Passover.

SECURITY POLICY AIRED BY CABINET BODY

Current security policy was discussed by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee at the Kirya in Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon. Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Minister of Defence, participated.

Mr. Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister in Washington, has returned home for 10 days for consultations with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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The Stand-Still of Public Transportation on April 18, 1955

In line with the decisions reached on April 5, 1955 by the Managements of the Transportation Cooperatives, an Actions Committee has been established for arranging the suspension of transportation services on April 18, 1955, to be carried out if by that date the Government will not announce its decision in the matter of adjusting the Cooperatives' bus fare tariffs, a matter which has been dragged out for a full year.

The Actions Committee hereby announces that the Cooperatives are ready to consider the possibility of operating a limited number of buses for essential institutions and industries so that their activities will not come to a stand-still.

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Social & Personal

Chief Rabbi Herzog yesterday received Mr. William B. Teeling, Member of Parliament (Conservative), who returned to Israel from a short visit to Jordan. Mr. Teeling was yesterday entertained to tea by Mr. Arthur Lourie, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Ministry.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. Nigel Nicolson, Conservative M.P. for Bournemouth E and Christchurch, and Mr. P. C Gordon-Walker, for a one-week visit as guests of the Government (By El Al). Mr. Harry Landy, Chairman of British Misrahi and Director of Palestine British Bank and Mrs. Landy, Chairman of British Women's Misrahi. Dr and Mrs. Harold M. Weinberg and Mr. and Mrs Samuel Mitchell, active workers of New York U.J.A. Mr. and Mrs Aaron Weiss and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Long Stern of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Dr. and Mrs. Grubin of St. John's, Newfoundland Dr. Armin Bogdasaroff and Mrs. Goodman of New York. Mrs. Juliette Stern, President of French WIZO, and Mrs. Germaine Bollack of Switzerland, both members of the World WIZO Executive, to attend a WIZO World Executive meeting; Mrs. Jennie Liptzen, of Brooklyn, founder of Sidney Liptzen Foundation, and her husband, Mr. D. Liptzen, Treasurer of "Taro" Company, Haifa. Mr. J. Glueckman, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, from a 10-day visit to the U.S. Mr. J. Bella, of the editorial board of the "Jewish Chronicle," for a short visit (by El Al).

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Al. W. Schwimmer, Director-General of Bedek Ltd., for a one-month business visit to the U.S. (by El Al). Mr. Shaul Bar-Haim, in charge of Kol Yisrael's Arabic programmes, to Europe, to visit radio stations which broadcast in Arabic.

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A group of 28 tourists from Los Angeles, headed by Mr. Benjamin Bendat, visited the head office of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem yesterday, and were received by Dr. A. Granott, Chairman of the J.N.F. Executive.

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The Israel Board of the American Fund for Israel Institutions gave an informal tea at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv, yesterday, for Mr. Harry C. Oppenheimer, Vice-President of the American Fund, and Mrs. Oppenheimer on the eve of their departure after a brief visit.

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Mr Camille Huysmans, Speaker of the Belgian Parliament, accompanied by Mr. Romi Goldmuntz, leader of Belgian Jewry, and by a representative of the Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs, visited the Works of the Israel Ytong Corporation Ltd., at Pardess Hanna and Tantura, last Friday.

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The Hadassah Club for Overseas Visitors, Jerusalem, together with the Hadassah Medical Organisation, were At Home to guests from abroad in the dining hall of the Ziv Hospital, Jerusalem, on Monday.

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Omen Misrahi Women's Organisation of Israel extends its warm welcome to Mrs. H. Landy, Chairman of its sister organisation in Great Britain and Ireland, on her arrival to participate in the celebration of the cornerstone-laying of the Babies' Crèche in Jerusalem.

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BIRTHS

A son was born to Daphne and David Kriving at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem, yesterday, April 11.

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To Dr. and Mrs. David Kidron, Jerusalem, on April 11, 1955, — a daughter.

THE QUESTION of schoolchildren not promoted to a higher grade and school trips to Jerusalem during Heral Year, are among the subjects to be discussed by school supervisors on Sunday. They are meeting in an all-day national conference at the J.N.F. Building, Rehov Shapira, Tel Aviv.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post April 12, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeal
Before Justices Silberg, Goitein and Berinson.

Bina Rosenbaum, Appellant, v. Asher and Chaya Zager, Respondents, (C.A. 248/53).

VALUE CLAUSE DECLARED LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on October 9, 1953 (C.C. 10/53).

In September, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Zager, the respondents, borrowed IL800 from the appellant for the purpose of completing their house in Ramat Yitzhak, giving the latter a mortgage on the land and the house in security for the loan. One of the conditions of the mortgage specified that if the price of the land and the house were to go up, then the appellant would receive a correspondingly higher sum than IL800 when the time came to settle the debt. In other words, the respondents agreed to recompense the appellant for any depreciation of the currency by linking the debt to the value of the land.

When the time came to redeem the mortgage, the respondents offered to pay the appellant the nominalistic value of the mortgage only, claiming that the value clause was illegal because, by implication, it introduced a higher rate of interest than that legally allowed and because it was against public policy in that it created inflationary tendencies, which were deleterious to the economy of the State.

Judge Lanm of the Tel Aviv District Court accepted both these contentions and granted the respondents a declaratory judgment to the effect that the value clause was illegal and therefore not enforceable. The appellant appealed against this decision to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Orgler appeared for the appellant and Mr. Barak for the respondents.

Judgment

The Supreme Court judgment was delivered by Justice Silberg, Justices Goitein and Berinson concurring.

He dismissed the public policy argument out of hand, on the grounds that cobblers should stick to their lasts and judges to their job of interpreting the law rather than explaining public policy. And in any case, the financial experts had not yet held that attaching a loan to a value clause was an inflationary factor and even if this had been accepted as a universal precept he was not prepared to accept it unreservedly as being applicable to the economic set-up peculiar to Israel. The only question that remained, therefore, continued Justice Silberg, was whether the value clause made for usury or not.

After concluding that the laws dealing with interest in this country did not cover a value clause, the Justice went on to lament the fact that the opposing Counsels, in their very excellent presentation of their cases, had not found any precedents, either here or abroad, which dealt directly with the question of whether the repayment of a higher sum than that borrowed, consequent on the rise in the value of the property mortgaged, entailed usury or not, pointing out that the famous Feist Construction (1934, A.C. 161) dealing with a gold clause was not applicable in this case. There was, therefore, no alternative but to use the process of analogy in order to arrive at the correct answer to the problem confronting the court.

Justice Silberg then proceeded to analyse one English and one American precedent dealing with the effect of a gold (or dollar) clause on the payment of income tax. In the English case, Lomax v. Dixon & Co., Ltd., (1943, 2 AELR 258) it was held that a provision in a contract of loan against a capital loss due to the depreciation of the currency is not interest and is therefore not taxable. In the American case, Bates v United States (108 (24) F.R. 407), on the contrary, it was decided that although there was no actual profit, since the value of the dollar had depreciated, nevertheless the appellant had to pay income tax on the difference between the sum he had paid for the articles purchased and the sum he had received on their sale.

From these cases, Justice Silberg concluded that the fact that a certain sum is regarded as profit for the purposes of income tax does not mean that that sum should be characterized as interest. He pointed out that while a state cannot afford to give up the nominalistic principle of currency and must always regard a pound as a pound, whatever its value on the world market, if its whole tax system is not to collapse, the principle, on the other hand, to be applied in deciding whether a nominalistic profit is interest is different. Here one must decide on the intention of the lender: was it his intention to get more value than he gave, or was it his intention merely to safeguard the value of his money and get back the same value as he gave. American judicature had laid down that in the former case there is usury. While not laying down any hard and fast rule on the acceptability of the "intention principle" in this country, Justice Silberg thought that it did provide us with a certain orientation.

He then went on to give a learned treatise on the attitude of Jewish law towards interest, emphasizing the remarkably modernistic approach of the ancient scholars to this problem. The conclusion he reached was that according to Jewish law there is interest only when more can be bought with the money which the borrower returned to the lender than could have been bought with the money which the borrower originally received from the lender. In applying this principle to the case under consideration, the value clause inserted in the mortgage contract would not, according to Jewish law, have been regarded as interest.

The overall position was summed up by Justice Silberg as follows: In England a provision against capital depreciation is not regarded as interest; in America there must be definite intention on the part of the lender to get back more than the legal interest before the transaction will be regarded as being usurious; and, lastly, even in Jewish law, where the prohibition against interest is more strict than in any other legal system anywhere in the world at any time whatsoever, a value clause is not regarded as being a form of usury. This being the case, it was hardly feasible to conclude that the Ottoman law in particular (from which our laws of interest are drawn) would be more extreme than any other legal systems, insofar as the value clause is concerned, and, therefore, it must be regarded as being legal according to the laws of this country.

In conclusion, Justice Silberg remarked that although the court had not been asked to express an opinion on whether the value clause is detrimental to the State or not, they could not shut their eyes to reality. Linking loans to value clauses was an everyday affair, both in the private and the cooperative sectors of the country, and as there had been no outcry against it, it was presumably not regarded as being usurious or deleterious, on the principle of: "Let the sons of Israel be; if they are not prophets, then they are the sons of prophets."

The appeal was allowed, with IL125 costs.

Judgment given on April 4, 1955.

Yesterday's Press:

Little Hope Seen For Easing Tension

"Haboker" (General Zionist) harbours little hope for less tension between Israel and Egypt as long as the U.N.'s institutions recognize the state of war which the Arabs allege exists between them and us. "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) feels this attitude is the only reason why the Cairo junta, which is divided against itself and quarrels even with the Sudan, persists in its aggression against Israel.

Commenting on Eden's "three conditions" without which he said he could not guarantee peace between us and the Arabs, "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) feels that as far as Israel is concerned the main solution is the same facilities to obtain arms as the Arabs now enjoy.

"Davar" (Histadrut) welcomes the arrival of so many tourists from abroad during Pessah but expresses doubt whether everything has been done to give them a cordial welcome and to make them feel at home. Commenting on a recent speech of the Minister of Finance, "Ha'aretz" (non-party) says that this country needs not government-owned and directed industries on the basis of the German reparations but rather more industrial planning.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) criticizes the visit of 5,000 Haifa Mapai members to Sde Boker, viewing it as superfluous elections propaganda at the expense of the State (fuel etc.) The editor of "Ma'ariv" thinks that if Mr. Ben-Gurion favours the British constituency system he might learn something from the British regulations against electioneering and waste of public funds.

The resolution against "Israel aggression" adopted by the New Delhi "coexistence conference" sponsored by the Communist peace movement got a mixed reception in the organs of those parties which had sent their representatives there. "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) makes it its main news item, "Lamerhav" publishes it on its second page, and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) which had previously blamed Mapai for not sending delegates to this meeting, does not carry the report at all.

Cinemas

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EDEN: All The Brothers Were Valiant (daily at 10.30 a.m.; Lill).
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ORION: Sins of Jezebel.
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RON: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer. (4th week).
STUDIO: Heidi, Child of The Mountains (2nd week).
TEL OR: Decameron Nights.
ZION: Knock on Wood.

TEL AVIV

Wednesday at 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.
Weekdays at 5.30 — 7.15 — 9.15 p.m.
ALLENBY: Verdi (7th week).
CHEN: Christian Anderson.
ESTHER: Rhapsody (3rd week).
HATMID: The Mountain Masters.
MIGDALOR: Crossed Swords (2nd week).
MOGRABI: The High and the Mighty (3rd week).
OPHIR: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer (4th week).
ORION: Blowing Wild (2nd week).
TAMAR: Just For You (2nd week).

HAIFA

EN DOR: Slaves of Babylon.
ORION: The Thief of Venice.
PEER: Magnificent Obsession.
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★ Exhibitions:—
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition, 10-1.
Oil and Watercolour Paintings by Ruth Bamberger and Metal Work by Ludwig Wolpert, "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue. 10-1, 3-6. Tomorrow 10-2.
Jewellery and handicrafts in Metal (produced by TAS), At Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-6 p.m. Admission free.
Water colours, paintings, Safrai Art Gallery, 27 Jaffa Rd.

★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Show:
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Theatres:—
Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," 11 a.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
The Maritime Museum, 3 Rehov Hanamal, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

KIRYAT MOTZKIN

★ Theatre:—
Yiddische Komedie Theatre, Dina Halpern (from U.S.A.) in "Mit Ofne Ogen," 8.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

TEL AVIV

★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "The Tea House," 6.45 and 9.30 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "Chanbian," Mograbi Hall, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "As You Like It," Chamber Theatre Hall, 4 & 9.30 p.m.

★ Entertainment:—
Night Club Pila: Georges Ulmer, great movie star and singer from Paris.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
Abstract & surrealistic Paintings, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7. Conducted Tour by Dr. F. Schiff at 11.30 a.m.

★ Theatre:—
Dzigan & Shumacher, New Chanin, 7 & 9.30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

HAIFA

ORGAN CONCERT Saturday night, April 16, Town Hall, at 8.15 p.m. Max Lampel and members of Collegium Musicum, Jerusalem. Tickets at Mahbi-Feigin, 37 Rehov Herzl.

Shvi'i Shel Pessah Services

JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Tonight: 6.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m. Minha: 12.45 & 5.30 p.m. Arvit: 6.30 p.m.

Ezrat Y'Emuna (Gan Rehavia): Tonight: 6 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 p.m. Yizkor: Sermon: Prof. E. Simon.

Italian Synagogue (Hillel St.): Tonight: 5.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m.

Machon Maharshal Synagogue (Rehov Marcus, cor. Disraeli, Talbieh): Tomorrow: Special Holiday Services for Tourists, 9 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Nachum Kahana Shapiro.

TEL AVIV

Bet Yisrael (26 Dizengoff Road): Tonight: 6.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 7.45 a.m. Yizkor, 9.30 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (47 Ben Yehuda St.): Tonight: 6 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.15 & 8.30 a.m. Minha: 12.30 and 6 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (3 Straus St.): Tonight: 6 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m. Minha: 6 p.m.

The Great Synagogue (Allenby Rd.): Tonight: 6 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8 a.m.

"Tiferet Zvi" Synagogue (9 Herman Cohen St.): Tonight: 6.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.30 a.m. (Cantor: Leib Glantz & choir).

RAMAT GAN

Hatzfira Synagogue: Tonight: 6.05 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8 a.m. Minha 6.05 p.m. Arvit: 6.30.

SOME 6,500 boys were enrolled in the current year in vocational training schools as compared with 5,700 the previous year.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

TODAY

JERUSALEM: Batish, 8 Strauss, 2911. Levant, 5 Julian's Way, 4656.
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HAIFA: Natan, 31 Joseph, 3364. Anglo-American, 32 Ha'atzmaut, 3006. KIRYAT BIALIK: Bialik, 7280. SAFAD: Feldmann.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM: Meir, Jaffa Road, near Egged, 61282. Beit Yisrael Beit Yisrael Qtr., 4263.
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JAFFA: Jaffa, 10 Rehov 4, 82700.
RAMAT GAN: Orion, 19 Arlosoroff.
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TOMORROW

JERUSALEM: Dr. L. Romanoff, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217. Dr. W.Krenke, 25 Abrabanel, 5067.
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HAIFA: As today.

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Thursday, April 14, 8.30 p.m.
HOLON:
Aron, Fri., April 15, 8.30 p.m.
Last performance.
KIRYAT MOTZKIN:
Orot, Sat., April 16, 8.30 p.m.
GEDERA:
Monday, April 18, 8.30 p.m.
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Brundage Unhappy With Games Position

MELBOURNE, Monday (Reuter). —Mr. Avery Brundage, American President of the IOC did not seem happy with Melbourne's preparations for the 1956 Olympic Games when he held a final press conference here today.

He warned that there were two or three overseas cities which would like to have the 1956 Games. Asked whether the question arose of Melbourne yet losing the Games, Mr. Brundage replied "I hope not, but I am not sure."

Mr. Brundage, who has been in Australia to investigate preparations for next year's Games, has made a tour of the sites for the various events. Before his on-the-spot investigation, Brundage had expressed the opinion that only a war could take the games from Melbourne.

Today he said he could assess the position only on what had been done in six years and what little time remained to complete preparations. (Melbourne was first awarded the Games six years ago).

"They say all the work can be completed — yet, I do not know," he said. "The work will not be done until all rivalries and bitternesses are submerged, all jealousies harmonized and all obstructions overcome, personalities forgotten," Brundage added.

A strong body of opinion, overseas, would still like to take the Games away from Melbourne at this late stage, Brundage said. He declared that there had been occasions in the past when the Games "indirectly" had been taken away from the nominated city.

Brundage recommended that six of Melbourne's "Biggest" men take over the complete staging of the Games. He also urged that "penny saving" ideas be revised. He said that when Melbourne was allocated the Games, the local committee had assured the International body that there would be no trouble with finance, labour or sites. But plans had been changed repeatedly, Brundage claimed, and major works had been held up by strikes.

"What is Melbourne going to do?" Brundage asked. "The International Olympics Committee cannot afford it if Melbourne fails, and if Melbourne fails, it will make her the laughing stock of the world," he declared.

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DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA.
P.B. 119/55

In the matter of the late Lilian Ruth Friedlander of Haifa died at Zikhron Yaacov on October 31, 1954.

Petitioner: Carmel Agranat, represented by advocates J. Solomon, Lipshutz and Co., of 84 Hanssi'im Street, Haifa.

Summons. — Let all persons take notice that Carmel Agranat has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Lilian Ruth Friedlander and that the said application will be heard on May 8, 1955, at 11.30 a.m.

Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

S. Bent, — Registrar

April 5, 1955.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
Succession Case No. 126/55

In the matter of the late Julia Opet, died at Harrogate, England, on October 26, 1954.

Petitioner: Esther Opet of Harrogate, England, represented by M.Y. Dishi, Advocate, of 30 Rehov Levantine, Tel Aviv.

Summons — Let all persons take notice that Esther Opet has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Julia Opet, and that the said application will be heard on April 24, 1955, at 11.30 a.m.

Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

S. Bent, — Registrar

April 5, 1955.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA. Probate No. 113/55

In the matter of the last will of Sarah Reinhardt, nee Loeb, of Haifa, deceased, and in the matter of the application of Mr. Gideon Reinhardt, Kiryat Yam b: 10 Neeman St., Haifa-Bay, represented by Dr. E. Gottschalk, Barrister-at-Law, Advocate of Haifa, whose address for effecting service is: 20 Ibn Sinai St., Haifa.

Citation for Probate.

In virtue of an order of the District Court of Haifa, bearing date the day, I do hereby cite all and all manner of persons to appear in the said Court within ten days from the date hereof, and show cause, if any they have, why the last will (and codicils thereto) of Mrs. Sarah Reinhardt, nee Loeb, deceased, should not be proved, approved and registered and probate thereof granted to petitioners, named therein, as in default thereof, the Court will proceed to grant the same accordingly.

S. Bent, — Registrar

Haifa, April 5, 1955.

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At 10 p.m. tonight the 'Shirat Hayam' Programme will take place at Tel Aviv's sea shore.

For visitors from abroad places have been reserved on the roof of the Municipality Building, Allenby Road corner of Seaside Esplanade.

UNITED NATIONS ESSAY COMPETITION

The Information Branch of the United Nations announces a world-wide essay contest. The seven winners of the First Prize are awarded a U.N.-sponsored one-month tour and stay at the U.N. Centre in New York. No country will be awarded more than one Prize. As additional 1-3 Prizes will be awarded entitling the winners to a trip to and 2-weeks stay in Geneva, Santiago (Chile) or Bangkok (Thailand). In the past two years two Israelis were among the winners.

The subject of the essay is: "Review and evaluate what non-governmental organisations have done in your country or area in the past ten years to improve public understanding of the United Nations."

The essay may be up to 2,500 words in length. The essay must be written in English, French or Spanish. Hebrew or Arabic essays should be accompanied by a translation. Essays and translations should be sent, in six copies to the International Institutions Branch of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and must reach there not later than April 30, 1955. The envelope should be marked: "Essay Contest of U.N." Any person over 20 years of age may participate in the contest.

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TODAY

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.45 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.00 Close Down.
13.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 13.15 Light Music (R). 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. "Shirat Hayam". 4.30 Children's Hour. 5.00 Concert Hall: "Suite from Holberg's Time" (Grieg); Piano Concerto (Hanson); Folk Symphony (Avidom). 7.00 Haifa Programme. 7.30 Talk. 7.45 "Poulet Deula". 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 Readings. 9.00 Concert: Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra (Mozart); the Vienna State Opera, Conductor: Felix Prohaska. Soloists: Walter Barylli and Paul Doktor; Trumpet Concerto (Kaminsky) Conductor: George Singer, Soloist: Avraham Hoenigberg; Symphony No.3 (Schumann), Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire de Paris, Conductor: Carl Schuricht. 10.35 Songs (R). 11.10 Close Down.

TOMORROW

7.00 a.m. Service and Melodies. 8.40 Songs (R). 9.00 Morning Concert: Suite No. 2 (Bach); Wind Quintet No. 3 (Reicha); Four Landgrapes (Schlesinger). 10.00 Light Music. 10.15 Passover Programme. 10.45 Concert Hall: "Le Roi David" (Honegger). 13.15 Light Music. 12.30 Requests (R). 1.00 "Elka's Wedding" (Tchemichovsky). 1.45 Cantoral Recordings. 2.30 "Kol Dodi". 4.00 Music from the Hebrew Theatre. 5.00 Music from the Shows. 7.00 Folk Dances. 7.30 "And made the sea dry land". 8.00 Passover in the village. 8.30 Bible reading. 8.45 Talk. 9.00 Information Please. 9.30 Light Music (R). 9.45 Vocal Recital: Mira Salomon. 10.10 Classical Request Programme: Concerto grosso for two Violins & Orchestra (Bach); Double Concerto (Brahms). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

49, 480, 208, 154, 41.5 & 31.7 M.

English News: 1.40, 10.15 a.m. French News: 8.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (49.5, 34.9 & 468 M.): 6.15 p.m. Programme for Tomorrow. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.1 M.): (South African Programme): Today: 4.30 p.m. Passover Anthology. 4.50 Settings of Had Gadya. 7.10 News. 7.15 Close Down. Tomorrow: 4.30 p.m. Yehuda Leib Peretz. 6.55 News. 7.00 Hebrew Programme. 7.15 Close Down. Today: 11.15 a.m. Passover Anthology. 11.40 Settings of Had Gadya. 11.50 News. Tomorrow: Songs of the Omer. 11.50 Yehuda Leib Peretz. 11.55 News.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (19.76, 16.83, 13.97 & 25.15 M.) 6.30-7.00 p.m. Today: News. "This England". Tomorrow: News. News Talk. Radio Magazine.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable amounts of high and medium cloud will cover the sky. Temperatures will be higher than yesterday.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	71	6	14	16
Tiberias	69	13	24	27
Haifa Port	73	—	19	22
Nazareth	68	12	22	23
Kiryat	69	12	22	23
Tel Aviv	69	14	16	20
Lydda Airport	68	10	21	22
Jerusalem	53	6	15	17
Beersheba	62	9	21	22
Eilat	76	15	25	27
Sdom	—	14	23	26

*A) Humidity at 9 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

RAINFALL FIGURES

	For 24 hours end. 8 a.m.	Total since August 1
Dafna	0.5	344.2
Mt. Canaan	1.3	324.1
Haifa Port	2.0	—
Tiberias	2.4	274.4
Ramat Davia	1.8	317.3
Afula	1.1	286.5
Hefzi-Ba	4.3	338.0
Ramatayim	0.4	340.3

THE TREASURY exchanged $402,000 received by charitable institutions and yeshivot in the first three months of 1955 as compared with $67,000 in the corresponding period last year.

TO STOP drifting sands from interfering with the movement of traffic, Holon Municipality has sent squads of workers to remove it from the streets. Where the roads are not bordered by houses, a thin layer of soil has been laid down.

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy, Zvi Pifer, of Yad Eliyahu, has been missing from his home since Saturday morning. His description has been sent to the police all over the country, who are carrying out a continuous search.

A CREW member of the s.s. Artza has been detained in Marseilles on a smuggling charge, it was learned in Haifa yesterday.

ERNA MENDERMAN, who was detained two weeks ago in connection with the alleged illegal import of wall-tiles, was released on IL10,000 bond yesterday. According to the police, no further detentions are expected in the near future, and the investigation, which involves a number of persons abroad, is continuing.

THE FIRST suits against manufacturers of sub-standard building materials were heard recently by Magistrate Eliahu Noam in Natanya on charges submitted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Shimon and Yosef Hakenbrook were given the choice of a IL300 fine or two months in prison; Moshe Ferber, IL100 or one month in prison, while Haim Stern was fined IL25. All three were found guilty of making, keeping and selling sub-standard blocks.

"ALL CLEAR" siren blasts are to be sounded in Jerusalem at noon on Thursday to test the sirens in preparation for Remembrance Day, April 26.

Yadin Comes Home

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin and Mrs. Yadin returned by El Al from London today. The former Chief of Staff had spent over two years studying archaeology in Great Britain and the U.S.

Rav-Aluf Yadin told reporters that he intended to devote his time to archaeological research in the framework of the Hebrew University. He denied reports that he was going to lead excavations in Massada, but refused to reveal where he would dig before the project is ratified by the University authorities. His book on "The War of Sons of Light Against the Sons of Darkness" — one of the Dead Sea Scrolls — a study submitted to the Hebrew University for a doctorate, will appear shortly, Rav-Aluf Yadin said. The couple were met here by Rav-Aluf M. Makleff and Mrs. Makleff, and relatives.

NOCHIMOVSKI FUNERAL

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The funeral of Mr. R. Nochimovski, the lawyer, who died yesterday, was held at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery today. Among the mourners were the Minister of Health Mr. Y. Serlin, Mr. Y. Gruenbaum, the Zionist leader, and Dr. N. Bar Zakai, the President of the District Court. Mr. A. Polonsky, Chairman of the Tel Aviv Bar Association, eulogized the deceased in front of the Great Synagogue on Allenby Road. *(Itim)*

WASCHITZ FUNERAL

HAIFA, Monday. — Yehoshua Waschitz, a German Zionist leader who organized the immigration of thousands of German Jews, died at the age of 75 at the Rambam Hospital here yesterday. The funeral will leave the hospital at 11 a.m. today.

Waschitz was born in Poland, studying law in Vienna before moving to Germany. He spent the war years hiding in France and immigrated to this country in 1945, where he was active in promoting tourism. The deceased leaves a son, a member of Kibbutz Dalia.

AYALON MEMORIAL

A well-attended memorial meeting for Gideon Ayalon, commander of the Palmach detachment which came to the aid of Safad during the 1948 siege and who fell in the action, was held at Bet Gideon there yesterday.

The father of the fallen commander, Mr. A. Ayalon, a veteran Haifa teacher, presented the Gideon Shield to the Hapoel Club which won it in last Saturday's sports competition. An exhibition of "Safad under Siege" was opened, and a sketch written by Mr. Y. Ashni performed.

ATTLEE. — Mr. Clement Attlee, the British Labour Party leader, is on an 18-day cultural tour of Canada.

RATION NEWS

HAIFA, NORTHERN & SHOMRON DISTRICTS: Meat: 100 gms., Tev Bet 16; temp. 26.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Pulses — 200 gms., no coupon; temp. 7. Oil: 200 gms., Ayin 28; temp. 1. Tea: 40 gms., Dalet and Heh cards, 100 gms., Gimmel cards, Ayin 8; temp. 26. Semolina: 600 gms. Aleph and Bet cards, no coupon, temp. 22.

TEL AVIV & SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Poultry for children, Aleph, Bet and Gimmel cards, 500 gms., Feb 28, temp. 44. Expectant mothers, 500 gms., coupon 7, 8.

Haifa Port Breaks 22-Year Record

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Monday. — While the waters of the Kishon Harbour are unruffled by any ship, cargo handling in the Port yesterday crossed the 16,000-ton mark for the first time in its 22-year history.

Imports totalled 8,181 tons and exports 3,114, not including 34,194 cases (just over 11,000 tons).

The Port's capacity will grow substantially when the Dagon grain elevator goes into operation next winter. It will speed up the turnover of grain-carrying vessels to about a quarter of the time now needed for their discharge. Over 50 per cent of incoming cargo is bulk goods such as grains, seeds and raw materials. The shrinkage of general cargo on the import side reflects the growing industrialisation of the country, which requires an increasing amount of raw materials and primary goods and fewer consumer goods, food and fodder grains and seeds excepted.

Zim Sells 'Dromit' To Local Firm

HAIFA, Monday. — The 6,000-ton Zim cargo vessel the s.s. Dromit, has been sold to Traders and Shippers Ltd., for £60,000, it was learned today. Zim had reportedly been unwilling to sell the vessel to a local firm, fearing competition, and was negotiating with a foreign company for her sale. The company has reportedly already paid a deposit for the ship.

However, the Ministry of Transport took a hand in the matter and ordered Zim not to sell the vessel to foreign bidders, as a local firm was interested. The agreement of sale will be signed tomorrow.

The ship will be renamed Devora, and her new owners have undertaken to take her off her present route in the Adriatic. Instead, she will sail a Black Sea route between Russian, Rumanian and Israel ports. T. and S. already own a small cargo vessel, the Kishon, and two tankers, and are about to order a 4,000-ton fruit carrier from Germany. The firm has been allocated $1.25m. for the purpose.

Bus Strike Threatened For Monday

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A traffic stoppage for next Monday was announced by the bus cooperatives today as a means of pressure on the Government to reach a decision on fare increases.

The cooperatives recently gained the support of the Histadrut by accepting the solution proposed by the Histadrut Central Committee. A meeting last week between the cooperatives' representatives and Mr. Z. Ona of the Hevrat Ovdim, resulted in a better understanding between them. In Histadrut circles, therefore, the threat of a stoppage was interpreted as pressure on the Government, although the Federation may oppose the actual strike.

Fewest Unemployed Since 1950

The average daily number of unemployed stood at 4,120 in the week ending April 1, a drop of 3,230 over the preceding week, and the lowest figure since 1950, it was officially announced yesterday.

Lack of workers to fill jobs was felt at several places. Among the jobless were 3,954 unskilled labourers. The principal centres of unemployment were Haifa, 881; Jerusalem, 730; Tel Aviv, 560, and Petah Tikva 331.

10,000 See Pageant At Rehovot Festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT, Monday.—Ten thousand persons attended the Citrus Festival here tonight, and saw the pioneer days of the city symbolized by groups of dancers and singers. Each group was followed by a truck bearing pictures of Rehovot in 1890, and at the very end appeared the city elders on trucks.

The second day of the Festival was the occasion of the distribution of prizes to efficient citrus packers and the opening of a citrus exhibition. There was also a children's parade and a calisthenics show, with participants holding oranges in each hand.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naphtali, distributed the efficiency prizes. The recipients of the efficiency cup were the Pardess Mechanical Packing Station in Rehovot and the handpacking station of Yakhin in Tel Mond. Five women packers received prizes ranging from IL25 to IL400, while six women packers and one blind man-packer were given excellency certificates.

8th Labour Exchange For Arab Workers

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Monday — A labour exchange for Arab workers, the eighth in the country, was opened here in Rehov Hawadik, Lower Town, this morning. The exchange is run by the Ministry of Labour, and will cooperate with the General Labour Exchange. It is housed in one room of a building transferred to the Labour Council by the Israel Labour League.

An exchange official stated today that there are about 800 Arab workers in Haifa out of an Arab population of about 7,000. Practically all are members of the Histadrut Trades Union Department. He estimated that there were only about 20 unemployed among them, of whom 10 registered this morning.

Another 3,000 Arab men from the neighbourhood and Galilee are employed in Haifa. The main task of the exchange would be to organize these men and the places at which they work, to ensure that they receive equal wages and social benefits with their Jewish colleagues.

'Israel and France Best of Friends'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"No clouds overshadow the relations between France and Israel. We may have our problems, but we have the best of friends. Our relations are the most cordial," M. Robert Schumann, former French Premier and now Minister of Justice, told an impromptu Press conference at Mandelbaum Gate yesterday.

Asked for comments on the frontier situation in Israel, M. Schumann commented that it was "a little complicated." However, as an Alsatian, frontier problems were nothing new to him. He stressed that his interest in the Holy Land was not only historical, but that he was also interested in contemporary Israel.

M. Schumann arrived in Israel from the Old City at the head of a group of French pilgrims, on a visit organized by Metatours. A reception was given for them at the French Consulate General. They will return to the Old City on Thursday.

M. Schumann's party was one of many which crossed the lines yesterday. The first group was the largest — 200 members of the Baptist "Christian - Herald" Bible Land tour, led by Dr. Daniel Poling. They were taken immediately to a fleet of waiting sightseeing coaches, with which they went on a tour of the country organized by Patra.

Another group included 30 French postal employees who are visiting the country as guests of the Ministry of Posts, and a party of British tourists who came from Cyprus. A total of 350 tourists crossed the lines.

The visitors expressed their satisfaction with the smooth way in which the crossing arrangements were handled by the Police, Customs and Tourist Centre. For once, Jordan porters were allowed to carry the luggage to the centre of no-man's land, from where it was taken over by Israel porters.

Thousands of Pilgrims Climb Mount Zion

An unending stream of thousands of pilgrims from all parts of the country as well as from abroad climbed the tortuous slope of Mt. Zion in Jerusalem yesterday, to attend Jewish and Christian services.

The main group of pilgrims came by train from Tel Aviv. They were met at the railway station by the Young Israel choir led by Mr. Eliahu Barasani. The Director-General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, Dr. S. Z. Cahana, and Rabbi J. Frankel, of Tel Aviv, addressed the pilgrims.

Preceded by a brass band and carrying a Torah Scroll under a canopy, the procession marched down into the valley and up the Mount. At the causeway, they were met by a group of descending American pilgrims who made way for them, many doffing their hats.

Throughout the morning, special traffic police were on duty at the causeway to regulate the stream of coaches, taxis and pedestrians.

Arab League Ignores Jordan Potash Project

The Jordan Minister for Economy, Khalusi Kheiri, complained in Amman yesterday that not a single member of the Arab League has yet sent an official reply to the Government's request for financial aid in the exploitation of the Dead Sea potash.

NEABS reported Kheiri had announced that Jordan would not wait indefinitely for replies. These states have repeatedly been sent reminders to fulfil their pledges for aid. It was recalled that several of the Arab states recently announced their willingness to provide for such assistance.

ORT Alumni Setting Up World Body

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday — The first conference of graduates of ORT held in EOA House today unanimously decided to set up a world organization of ORT graduates. Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, and Dr. A. Syngalowsky, president of World ORT, were the guests of honour.

Mr. Y. Olinsky, Director of ORT in Israel, reviewing the achievements of ORT here, declared that 2,000 graduates had finished their studies since the establishment of the State.

Addressing the young people present at the Conference, Mrs. Golda Myerson said that they were probably tired of hearing that the future was in their hands, yet it was true, especially in the economic field.

The young people in this country, she continued, must be self-reliant and infused with the love and pride of good workmanship. Those who have become tradesmen must not be content with settling between Rehovot and Nahariya, but should turn northwards and southwards. She congratulated ORT for the magnificent work it was undertaking throughout the country.

Dr. A. Syngalowsky, who is here to plan the extension of ORT institutions, began his address in fluent Hebrew, changing later to Yiddish. He stressed the need for high-grade qualified tradesmen.

BARAK FILES SUIT AGAINST "MA'ARIV"

HAIFA, Monday. — A libel suit against Dr. A. Carlebach, editor of "Ma'ariv," and the paper's publishers was filed by Mr. M. Barak, 27, in the Magistrate's Court here today. Mr. Barak, the painter who conducted a hunger strike last month because he was unable to marry his non-Jewish fiancee under the current marriage laws, objects to an article "Why is the painter fasting?" which Dr. Carlebach published in the paper on March 20.

MILLEL HOUSE GETTING ANOTHER STOREY

Another storey will be added to Millel House in Jerusalem. This was announced at a reception held last night by the Hebrew University and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Millel House for Mr. Philip Klutznik, World President of B'nai B'rith, and Mrs. Klutznik.

Earlier yesterday, Mr. Klutznik planted the first saplings in the B'nai B'rith grove in Martyrs Forest near Eshtaol.

Mr. Klutznik was received by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, yesterday.

Corsi Rejects Dulles' Offer of New Job

WASHINGTON, Monday (INA). — Mr. Edward J. Corsi, State Department immigration adviser, whose job was abruptly terminated last week by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, made known today that he has rejected the offer of a substitute position involving the survey of immigration possibilities in Latin America.

Mr. Corsi, an opponent of the McCarran-Walter immigration act, was dropped by the State Department after he came under criticism from Chairman Francis S. Walter of the House Immigration Sub-Committee.

Rhodesian Killed In Motorcycle Race

IMOLA, Italy, Monday (Reuter). — Ray Amm of Rhodesia was killed in the second Gold Cup competition for 350 c.c. motorcycles here today.

Amm, riding a four-cylinder MV Augusta, was in second place when he skidded off the track at a bend. He was rushed to hospital where he died shortly afterwards.

3,000 Visit Ben-Zvi's During 'Open House'

Music and flowers filled the three spacious rooms of Beit Hanasi in Jerusalem yesterday as three thousand persons from all parts of the country came to meet the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on the occasion of the Passover holidays.

Yemenite men, in their traditional dress, many of them holding prayer books, lined the benches of the reception hall and occasionally rose to dance to the music of a seven-man Egyptian band. The crowds gathered outside the Beit Hanasi formed an orderly queue once inside the reception hall, where they were greeted by a handshake and a few words from Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi. While the President showed signs of weariness towards the end, Mrs Ben-Zvi's good spirits were unflagging throughout.

The guests passed from the reception hall through the two remaining rooms where music was provided by a Baghdadi band and a small chamber group of the police band.

J'lem Board Decides On Road Paving, Sewerage

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Decisions to pave five streets and to undertake two sewerage projects were taken yesterday evening by the Jerusalem Commission which met in closed session under the chairmanship of Mr. S. B. Yeshaya.

The streets are Arlosoroff, Alfandari, Hoshea, Hayel Adam and Kroch. The sewerage projects are in the Nahlat Shiva quarter, and in the southern quarter, connecting the Greek Colony with Talbieh.

Until the 1955/56 budget is passed and approved by the Ministry of Interior, it was decided to authorize expenditures for the next three months within the same limits as last year's budget.

The Commission also decided:

- to debit landlords in the Bukharan quarter with the cost of sewerage connections recently finished;
- to revoke the decision expropriating the Alisbahler School;
- to revoke a decision exempting new buildings, with the exception of approved enterprises, from property taxes;
- to acquire an apartment in a house in the Katamon quarter as additional classrooms; other apartments in the same house are now being used as classrooms.

GERMANS. — 22,935 Germans migrated to the United States last year. It was the largest national contingent among the 110,000 persons who emigrated to the United States from Europe.

Histadrut Member Your Attention Please:

You cannot vote in the Histadrut Elections on May 8 if you do not hold a membership booklet, made out to you personally.

Even those who have been included in the List of Eligible Voters will not be able to vote without a membership booklet. No other credentials are recognised in the Histadrut Elections.

A woman-member who works solely in her own household may vote if she has a personal membership booklet. She may not vote by virtue of her husband's membership booklet, even if she has been listed among the Eligible Voters.

Apply NOW to your local membership bureau for your membership booklet. Applications shortly before Election Day can be treated only as far as is technically possible, and the responsibility for not being able to participate in the elections will rest on the member who failed to get his membership booklet in time.

Lishkat Hamass Hamerkazit

ISRAEL TEAM TIES WITH APOEL, 2-2

Nicosia Apoel, after two successive defeats in Israel, came back against a selected Maccabi-Hapoel side from Jerusalem, with whom it drew 2-2 in an entertaining match watched by 5,000 spectators at the YMCA ground yesterday.

The home side were clearly superior in the first half and goals by centre-forward Frontman and inside left Tair established a 2-0 lead at half time. Weak finishing prevented the local team from increasing the lead.

In the second half Apoel treated the spectators to an exhibition of skilful football. Their goals were netted by Nichola and Lazaridef.

18 Coming from USSR

Eighteen persons have been granted exit visas by the Soviet Union and are due to immigrate to Israel, the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department has been informed.

They include G. Glezwitz, of Kovno (daughter: R. Fridman, of Nelson); S. Kogen, of Baltsi (son: K. Cohen, Kfar Ata) and Mr. and Mrs. M. Wagner (son: Y. Wagner, Tel Aviv); L. Bessog, (son: A. Bessog, Tel Aviv); Mr. and Mrs. F. Galperin; Mrs. G. Flickman and daughter Anta (husband: Y. Flickman, Tel Aviv); B. Shalshut (relative: A. Shalshut, Tel Aviv); S. Gold (daughter: C. Shlavin, Ramatayim); L. Orlansky, (son: Z. Ben Ephraim, Haifa)—all from Tchernowitz.

The other immigrants include H. Goldenshlav (son: Y. Gorin, Kfar Ono); Y. Perod (son: M. Perod, Tel Aviv); Y. Rosenman (son: D. Rosenman, Tel Aviv) and Y. Yankowitz, of the Carpathian region (daughter: M. Yankowitz, of Lydda).

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Judge Sends Burglar to Kibbutz

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — One minute before the Magistrate was to pronounce sentence on Philip Klupper, 24, charged here today with burgling the hotel room of a tourist from Rhodesia, the accused dramatically arose, declared the Magistrate prejudiced against him, and demanded that the preliminary hearing be reheard before another Magistrate.

He claimed that Magistrate M. Rubin, who was a member of the Ex-Prisoners Welfare Committee, knew him when he had appeared before the Committee following a prison term. He also charged the Magistrate with allowing the police to ask unfair leading questions.

Magistrate Rubin, however, thought otherwise, and told the accused that he had only seen him once in his life, and then he had tried to help him. At the Committee, he had advised Klupper to get out of town, to go to a *kibbutz*, and was prepared to arrange financial aid, all to no avail. "In any case," the Magistrate added, "you should have requested a transfer at the beginning of the hearing, which I would have granted with the greatest of pleasure."

Nevertheless, the Magistrate did accede to the request, but not in the way desired by the accused. He committed him for trial to the District Court.

After the Magistrate's decision, a discussion ensued, whether or not to allow the accused bail, the police opposing on the grounds of public danger. Asked by the Magistrate what were his plans until he came up for trial, should bail be granted, Klupper replied that he had already registered with a *kibbutz* movement. Magistrate Rubin granted bail, offering to go with him to the *kibbutz* offices and to help him. "But," he added, "the first day you leave the *kibbutz*, before your trial, you go to prison."

Came in Like Lions, Went Out as Lambs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Two indignant contestants entered the Magistrate's Court here today, and a quarter of an hour later left, shaking hands. Their long, festering quarrel was over a joint gate used by both families. Both parties, Mr. Yarimi and Mr. Zafan, claimed that their access via the gate was impeded by the other, and that their children were not allowed to come home when they wished.

Peacemaker was Magistrate M. Rubin. He told both parties that since they were not rich, they would probably continue to live in the same place for a long time. He advised them now to fix the gate so that it would be convenient for the children, wished them both *hag sameah*, told the two men to shake hands and cancelled the case.

STOPPED FROM PRINTING, SELLING MUSIC BOOK

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A temporary injunction forbidding Mr. Peter Gradenwitz and the Reuven Maas publishers from publishing or selling the second edition of "Music in Israel," requested by Mr. Efraim Dror, composer and journalist, was granted by Magistrate Y. Avinal here today.

Mr. Dror claimed that the book was jointly published in 1948 by Mr. Gradenwitz and himself, and that its rights belonged to both of them. Some weeks ago, he claimed, Mr. Gradenwitz brought out a new, enlarged second edition without his knowledge.

Mr. Dror is also claiming IL1,000 damages as a result of Mr. Gradenwitz having translated the book into English and Spanish in 1949, only under his own name. *(Itim)*

I.Z.L. PAY RESPECTS TO THEIR CHAPLAIN

Hundreds of prison "alumni" of the former Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Group underground movements gathered in the courtyard of the former Central Prison in Jerusalem's Russian Compound yesterday afternoon to pay their respects to the "father" of the prisoners, Rabbi Aryeh Levine, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. A scroll inscribed with the names of 1,000 men and women who had been interned in prisons and detention camps during the Mandate was presented to Rabbi Levine by three men who had escaped death sentences.

AIRLINE. — A new Yugoslav airline running a twice-weekly service between Beirut and Belgrade is to open on April 21, the Yugoslav Legation in Beirut announced yesterday.

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Cables in Brief

'ACCIDENT.' — Three men were caught by a policeman as they rifled a cash register in a petrol station in Oklahoma city yesterday. One of the men said, "I did not intend to steal the money — I was just looking at it. I accidentally hit the cash register and when I regained my senses, I had money in my hand."

CHESS. — The fourth game of the Smyslov-Geller match for the U.S.S.R. chess title played on Sunday ended in a draw at the 29th move following a "keen and interesting battle," Moscow Radio said yesterday. The fifth game will be played tomorrow.

FLOOD. — Hundreds of volunteer workers worked throughout the weekend to stem a spreading tide of floodwaters sweeping over thousands of acres of rich southern Manitoba farm land.

MAYORS. — The mayors of 250 towns and villages in the Herault Department of south France have resigned in protest against "governmental failure to maintain the price of wine." They threaten to close town halls during the forthcoming Cantonal elections.

ATOMS. — Japan has set up an atomic energy division in its technical institute to conduct research on the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

EASTER PARADE. — Two million smartly turned-out people thronged 5th Avenue in the spring weather yesterday in what was believed to be a record New York Easter parade.

WHEAT. — Italy and Turkey have signed a long-term wheat agreement.

Economic News from Abroad

Gold Figures

● The world's production of gold was about 27.7m. fine ounces in 1954 compared with 26.26m. in 1953. Almost half came from South Africa. Canada was second with 4.3m., the U.S.S.R. third with about 2m. Most of South Africa's output continues to be shipped to London as long as British goods are offered to the Union at competitive terms. A large part of the world's gold, however, is still handled by small rings of operators in Hong Kong and Macao, while Milan, Beirut and Tangier continue to function mainly as markets for gold coins. No less than 20m. gold coins have been minted since 1953.

Slump Feared in Morocco

● New investments in French Morocco have been falling off precipitously instead of attracting the French capital that used to go into Indo-China, as had been hoped. Though the government is continuing its public works programme, private industrial expansion has slowed down. Unemployment is rising both in Casablanca and in the small towns. Exports of manganese, phosphates and grain have also been hit by the price drop after the Korean boom.

Gas Pipeline Postponed

● The much discussed plan for a 3,500-km pipeline to bring natural gas from Alberta to Ontario and Quebec has been shelved for a year because of financial difficulties. The estimated cost of the whole project is $350m., of which $40m. were to come from ordinary stock, $30m. from a preferred issue and $270m. from loans. But the Canadian Government would not guarantee the debentures.

Australia Cuts Imports

● Australia's recent import cuts which have most severely affected British car and textile manufacturers, are intended to reduce the overall volume of imports by 20 per cent in order to halve the present foreign currency deficit. The deficit is expected to reach at least £A150m. in the current year and to taper off to £A80m. in 1955/56. Overseas reserves have already dropped by £A100m. during the first months of the current fiscal year and a further drop of £A30m. is expected by the end of June. The Australian Government is determined to prevent their falling below £A350m., representing a six-month import bill.

Iron Ore Galore

● Peru is endeavouring to develop exports of iron ore to Europe and has already shipped ore to West Germany. Peru ranks third among U.S. suppliers but its exports there declined recently because of growing Canadian and Venezuelan competition.

Prospects for Flax

FLAX enjoys good prospects in Israel, if not for oil then for fibre. Yields of about 350 kg. of fibre and 12 kg. of oil per dunam can be attained, and at current world prices this would earn at least as much for farmers as groundnuts. Israel requirements have been estimated at over 3,000 tons, which could be grown on 9,000 dunams, employing about 100 men and requiring a capital of about IL700,000, a third of it in foreign currency.

Foreign Currency Budget Over-Optimistic?

By Our Economic Editor

FOR the first time the foreign currency budget has been published exactly at the end of March, and it is also given in greater detail than a year ago. It amounts to $368m., i.e. $22m. more than for 1954/55, which increase (by six per cent) roughly corresponds to the estimated rise in world price levels. This superficial similarity, however, conceals a number of important changes.

To begin with, the reserve for debt repayment has been reduced from $40m. to $22.5m. owing to the spectacular success of last year's Consolidation Loan operations, which is making it possible for the Treasury to renew loans with much more ease and at more convenient terms than previously. As the instalments due this year on the State's debts alone amount to almost $30m., it seems that the Treasury is working on the assumption that new loans will be found to secure perhaps one half of the sum, and the process of scaling down Israel's foreign debt will slow down.

Import of capital goods is also to be reduced somewhat this year, for out of the $90.5m. allocated for this purpose $4.35m. are items already included elsewhere and must be deducted for a fair comparison with last year's $88m. If the rise in prices is taken into account, the cut in capital goods is almost ten per cent. It is, however, largely due to the fact that railway allocations have dropped to $1m., now that most of the modernization has been paid for (it cost considerably more last year than the $3.6m. that had been budgeted). The figures below give the other major capital items this year and last.

	1954/5	1954/5
Irrigation equipment	$17.25m.	$14. 0m.
Agricultural machinery	$ 2.10m.	$ 1.50m.
Power station equipment	$ 6.50m.	$ 8. 5m.
Industrial equipment	$12.25m.	$15. 2m.
Motor vehicles and parts	$ 5.50m.	$ 2.50m.
Ships	$ 4. 0m.	$ 4. 0m.
El Al equipment	$ 2. 1m.	$ 2. 0m.
Telephone and wireless Equipment	$ 2.00m.	$ 2.25m.
Building materials	$11. 0m.	$ 9.25m.

Last year's figures are on a c.i.f. basis, while this year's do not include freight and insurance, which are listed separately. Nevertheless the comparison conveys a general picture of remarkable stability. This is presumably partly related to the procurement of German Reparations goods, which carry much weight in shaping our development programmes. They have certainly played their part in maintaining the high level of foreign currency allocations for industrial equipment (despite the fact that so far only about half of last year's amount have been utilised) and in the increased allocations for agricultural machinery and motor vehicles. Only a minor portion of the building materials is intended for directly productive purposes (agriculture, settlement and industry).

The import of raw materials and accessories for export industries is to be increased to $50m., by 22 per cent, on the face of it. Closer analysis shows, however, that this increase is largely due to new accounting procedure. Should exports attain the targets this year, the part of the value of imported materials in their total worth must drop quite considerably, but it is not yet clear whether this is because of a real rise in the percentage of "value added" or of smaller raw material imports, which would simply amount to running down stocks.

It is only for consumption that a genuine increase of expenditure is contemplated, though its causes are not yet clear. The total allocation for consumption items is $205m. this year compared with $177m. in 1954-1955, and if the new accounting methods are taken into account, the rise seems to approach 22 per cent. Admittedly, Israel's population grew by three per cent in 1954, and world commodity prices have risen by some seven per cent. Also $25m. is to be spent for special imports necessitated by this year's drought (mainly wheat, food grain and oil cakes). But even this leaves a margin of additional supply. It is, in the Treasury spokesman's words, intended to saturate the domestic market and to prevent any price rise that might endanger the stability of Israeli currency.

A sample of the new policy has been the allocation of $2m. to import "Berip commodities." If this is to be taken as a guide, the rumours about a supplementary budget after the elections and about a new drive for austerity, saving and productive investment should not be taken too seriously.

Despite the continuing progress of local agricultural production, food imports are to be increased from $48m. to $50m. and the consumption of meat, oil and margarine, eggs, coffee and several other commodities is to be raised considerably as compared with last year's estimates, although in some cases not above last year's actual purchases. The daily intake of food is to average 2,718 calories per *capita*, a rise of three per cent over last year. Protein consumption is to be 85 grammes, compared with 81 in 1954.

Fodder, seeds, fertilisers and other agricultural requirements have been allotted $12.65m. (besides the special drought allocation) instead of $10.25m. a year ago. Health and education, however, have to be content with the same amount as before, namely $5.5m., and the fuel bill is even expected to drop slightly to $25.5m. On the other hand, industry is to get $31.2m. worth of raw materials instead of the $18.26m. earmarked for 1954/55 (actual import was much higher — over $25m. during the last nine months of 1954 alone). Imports for the "parallel (grey) market" will come to nearly $4m., while unbudgeted "Tamaz" purchases and luxury items on account of immigrant transfers are each to cost about $2m.

Last but not least, spending for foreign services and expenses abroad is to be increased by $4m. (over eight per cent) to reach $52.5m. The fact that this "invisible" expenditure costs us more than the whole of our food import is sometimes lost sight of. The biggest items that make it up are $20m. for government agencies and departments; $11m. in interest on foreign debts; and $9.6m. for dividends, patent fees, etc.

Now we come to the pertinent question of how the $368m. is to be obtained, particularly since some of the most important sources of foreign currency are beginning to dry up. Thus, the U.S. grant-in-aid is expected to add up to only $48m. this year (compared with $74m.) and the national institutions' net revenue is to drop from $65.5m. to $47m. The Development Loan — without Mr. Montor — is to equal last year's performance of $22m.

The remaining sources must therefore yield $66.5m. (almost 40 per cent) more than last year. Of this sum $35m. is expected to come from German Reparations, (which are to rise to $84m.), $22m. from exports, visible and invisible, over $10m. from capital transfers, private compensation payments, "Scrip," gifts, etc., and $9m. from "special revenue for drought damages" which seems to be some accounting device for incurring debts. Goods exports are expected to rise from $78m. to $90m., $6m. should come in from shipping receipts and some smaller amounts from tourist and other services.

All this will fall short of the expected increase in consumption spending referred to above. The estimated doubling of capital transfers (to $10m.) and the increase of "private transfers" by over one third (to $20m.) must also be taken with caution. With all due respect to the Treasury's experts, who certainly have some indications to rely on, the revenue side of the present budget appears to the uninitiated rather optimistic and hardly safe enough to justify the liberal attitude adopted on the expenditure side.

Readers' Letters

DOUBLE WORK

Editor, *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — Nearly every day we are reminded that improved efficiency in private and public enterprises, including Government offices, is of utmost importance. How, therefore, can the following waste of manpower and time be explained?

The Government Statistics Office recently sent an official to factories to ask for the production figures of the past three months. As every factory must report production figures monthly to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, in triplicate, it would be much more economical to get these figures from this office rather than to send officials to collect the same information for another office.

Yours, etc.
WORRIED TAXPAYER

Nahariya.

Bureau of Statistics Replies

Sir, — The official to whom Worried Taxpayer refers was engaged in the collection of data for the compilation of the Index of Industrial Production, which is at present being prepared by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The subject of the new index is to provide the Government, industrialists, investors and the general public with up-to-date information.

Data on production are received by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry only with regard to certain branches of the food industry and no information is available on production in non-food producing industries, such as textiles, metals, chemicals, etc. Moreover, owing to the complexity of the information required by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the data on production in the food industries is received from the various undertakings only after considerable delay. In consequence, the Central Bureau of Statistics is unable to use even the limited data available, since this would involve a considerable delay in compiling the Index of Industrial Production. As this index is considered to be one of the most important indicators available for economic planning, the saving envisaged by Taxpayer would be more than outweighed by the loss to the economy as a whole.

It should also be emphasized that the utmost secrecy is maintained by the Central Bureau of Statistics in respect of information supplied by individual undertakings, it being unlawful to divulge such information to any government or other office. The Bureau is unable, therefore, to communicate to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry data required for purposes of import allocation, food rationing, etc.

Yours, etc. *E. LEVY*
Director, Publications & Information Section
Jerusalem.

Stocks and Commodities

Tel Aviv Firm — Industrials Stronger

THE firm tone at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange continued, with stronger industrial shares, especially Ata and Kurdaneh. The price of Ata rose by almost 7 points and reached 125%. Kurdaneh stock rose by 4½ points. Moller-Dee shares advanced by 55 pruta. Most state loans, too, registered small advances. Tavel Dollar rose by 7 pruiot but trading was restricted. Small advances were also recorded by Registered Stock "A" and "B." Shitrei Erech and Milve Hova (the latter, outside the Exchange).

On the whole activity was small, due to the Holidays.

NEW YORK STRONG

A NOTE of strength prevailed on Wall Street during the week, with the Dow-Jones Industrial Index on the 7.4.55 reaching 418.20 and the Index for 20 Rails coming up to 134.42.

LONDON MARKET STEADY

SECURITY markets continued very steady. Due to the newspaper strike there has been little investment, though the volume of business expanded somewhat over last week. On April 7 Reuter's Industrial Index was 218.2 as against 211.6 a week earlier. Nearly the whole industrial section advanced. Confidence in the outcome of the coming general elections based on County Council election results, seems to have had a good deal to do with the situation.

Gold Quiet

The Paris gold market was quiet and steady with few changes towards week's end. The price of gold in London was fixed on April 5, at 250s. 9½d per fine ounce.

U.S. Releases Copper

Commodity prices showed very slight fluctuations. The U.S. Government's announcement that it would release 17,500 tons of copper to the market in the second quarter, together with news of the settlement of the copper strike in Chile, contributed to the weakening of the price of this commodity. Other movements were within very narrow limits.

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ELLERN'S DIVIDEND 10 PER CENT TAX-FREE

THE proposal to declare a 10 per cent tax-free bonus dividend was agreed to at the general meeting of Ellern's Investment Corporat on. The Corporation's capital and reserves increased from IL211,000 last year to IL234,000. Investments consisted mainly of Tavel Dollar (44 per cent), Moller-Dee shares (12 per cent), and other industrial stock.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

APRIL 11

Pop. Loans	
1949/50 (IL10)	1014
5½% Tavel Dollar s'ty)	1240
3½% Govt. Bds. (large) c)	971
4% Reg. Sterling "A" c)	90½
4% Reg. Sterling "B" a)	94½
Pal. Beaver Bds. Ser. 3	74½
Bk. Leumi ord sh.	264
A.P.B. Investm. ord sh. "B" d)	109
Gazit ord sh. "B" d)	1004
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B"	143
P.E.C.Inv.ord. "B" sh.	101
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh. d)	109
Bizur 4% debs. 56/65	99½
Nir 4% Debs. (bear) a)	92
5% pref. sh.	74
Pass 4% debs. 60/64 reg	88½
"Tavs" 5% debs.	81½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	127½
5% debs.	89½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	90
Rassco 6% pref. ord sh.	
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	90½
"A" ord. shares	360
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Inv.)	165
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (L/m)	—
Mekoroth pref. sh.	65
Ata ord. "B" sh.	131
6-8% conv. debs.	90½
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B" sh.	134½
7% conv. debs. 59/64	102
Moller-Dee ord. sh. reg. x)	1035
Pal.-Brewery 8%con sh.	95½
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	250
"Teva" ord. sh.	108½
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	112
6% debs. "B"	134
Pal. Cold 6½ 7% debs. c)	120
ord. sh. reg.	216
Pal. Constr. Tr. 8% debs.	96½

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-dividend; e) ex right x) Prutot; y) 15.6/15.13

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Many Mistakes in Way Of Cheaper and Better Building

By Our Economic Correspondent

THE detailed report on the building industry submitted by Mr. I. Baviy to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry confirms the need for cheaper and better building and shows some ways in which this goal might be reached. The main ills of almost every branch of the industries connected with building materials are low quality and high prices. These are due to careless handling of raw materials and to mistakes in manufacturing. Widespread cartelization helps keep the less efficient enterprises in existence and works in certain cases to the disadvantage of the more efficient ones, and inferior but cheaper goods crowd the better and more expensive ones out of the market.

Building is a very important item in our national expenditure and we must expect it to retain this position for years owing to the need to house new immigrants and to clear slums. Any improvement in the building industry is therefore obviously of first-rate importance. If houses are badly built today, they will need constant repairs as long as they stand and they will have a shorter life than standard requirements demand.

The report proposes some reforms: location of enterprises where the bulky materials need not travel so far, tighter government control over quality, the introduction of standards for doors and windows so as to lower high woodwork costs, and so on. It will not be easy to carry out these reforms and it will take a long time for they require both legislation and implementation through the inspection of enterprises.

Further, the report can have practical results only if it can be related to investigations in other fields of industry. Transport rates, for instance, are vitally important to the building industry, whose shipping costs are in some cases as high as IL25 per ton from the Negev to the North because materials are bulky. If transport conditions could be overhauled along with factory locations, the problem would be attacked from both ends.

The report gives a long list of enterprises which should be established to improve production in the building industry. These recommendations might be helpful in working out projects for new investment. It has often been stated that one of the reasons for the recent fall-off in investments is lack of guidance. Many of the foreign investors who could be persuaded to do something here have no plans of their own and are ready to listen to proposals. If it could be demonstrated by detailed calculations that the enterprises listed in the report are needed and likely to pay, foreign capital could take the strain of this expenditure from the Development Budget.

The report deals among other things with the building of adobe houses. Some years ago, when we were very short of foreign currency and therefore looked everywhere for means to save precious dollars, it was proposed to substitute adobe houses for our expensive buildings. Adobe houses, the report states, can be cheap only if the settler himself does the work involved. The big contractors, therefore, are not interested and put up passive resistance, and we still build houses with expensive materials that have to be transported over large distances.

It will not be easy to break the resistance of the big contractors to the introduction of adobe building. But something could be done by the government departments concerned, and if some *kibbutzim* could be daring enough to try out the innovation and demonstrate that the houses are pleasant and cheap we could at long last begin to save building costs.

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31. 12. 53 IL.	LIABILITIES	IL.	31. 12. 54 IL.	ASSETS	IL.
1,598,577	PAID-UP CAPITAL and RESERVES	1,843,394	6,415,219	CASH & BANKS (Cash on Hand, with Bank of Israel and Other Banks)	16,201,638
26,468,339	DEPOSITS ON FIXED TERMS and CURRENT ACCOUNTS	43,144,960	2,475,950	GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	1,758,583
6,795,235	SPECIAL LOAN FUNDS	7,055,228	694,912	INVESTMENTS	705,972
13,596,966	GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS (for Special Loans)	14,735,585	28,503,941	LOANS & BILLS DISCOUNTED (less Interest in Advance)	31,774,871
—	LOANS FROM BANK OF ISRAEL	1,976,219	1,083,853	DEBTORS AND OTHER DEBIT BALANCES	648,581
2,365,924	CORRESPONDENTS, CREDITORS & OTHER CREDIT BALANCES	2,940,742	498,066	BANK'S BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY	546,682
5,885,793	LIABILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF CUSTOMERS (for Guarantees, Documentary Credits & Acceptances)	6,076,408	5,885,793	CUSTOMERS' LIABILITIES (for Guarantees, Documentary Credits & Acceptances)	6,076,408
54,897,734		77,772,631	54,897,734		77,772,631

HOUSING MORTGAGE BANK LTD.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS PER BALANCE SHEET UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1954

31. 12. 53 IL.	LIABILITIES	IL.	31. 12. 53 IL.	ASSETS		IL.
811,247	CAPITAL and RESERVES:	848,989		LOANS:		
	LONG TERM LIABILITIES:		6,226,579	Against Mortgages, on responsibility of third party and against other securities (including advances o/a of Loans)		15,886,008
	Loans and Deposits:			CURRENT PROPERTY:		
	Treasury of Israel Government and others, payments o/a of debentures		433,148	Cash and Banks, Current Accounts, etc.	448,448	
5,808,236	and participation of others in loans	14,777,190	58,940	Other Debitors and Debit Balances	147,840	596,088
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
	Creditors and other credit-balances incl.		498,088			
802,845	Reserve for Taxation and proposed dividends	855,909	1	OFFICE EQUIPMENT less depreciation		1
			1,880	EXPENSES TO BE DEDUCTED		
6,721,988		16,482,097	6,721,988			16,482,097

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET OF 25 WORKERS' LOAN AND SAVINGS BANKS FOR THE YEAR 1954

31. 12. 53 IL.	LIABILITIES	IL.	31. 12. 53 IL.	ASSETS	IL.
1,880,245	1. Own Capital (Members' Fees and Funds)	2,020,642	6,539,520	1. Cash and Banks	8,443,511
12,510,610	2. Deposits, Savings and Current Accounts	13,773,416	1,736,574	2. Government and other Securities	1,896,298
—	3. Special Funds for granting Loans	5,222,753	356,585	3. Property and Furniture	325,665
2,565,321	4. Joint Funds	3,096,089	14,858,730	4. Loans to Members (individual and institutions)	17,304,212
3,570,679	5. Loans from others	2,300,537	3,067,967	5. Loans from Joint Funds	3,350,551
2,099,207	6. Various Accounts	2,689,411	570,536	6. Various Accounts	565,990
5,197,235	7. Liabilities on account of Customers (Guarantees, etc.)— see contra	4,047,825	5,197,235	7. Customers' Liabilities (Guarantees, etc.), see contra	4,047,825
28,273,298		33,055,673	28,273,298		33,055,673